

Record of Public Comment
Re: Draft Open Space and Recreation Sub-Element

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Tappan G. Merrick Sunnyvale, CA	7/27/05 Letter	Add potential purchase of 8 acres at Peterson Middle School from the Santa Clara Unified School District; Suggestions re: parcels the City might sell in order to obtain funds for purchase, including Butchers' Corner; Mathilda and El Camino; Raynor; and Sunken Gardens.	Letter sent 7/29/05. Peterson Field to be incorporated as issue.
John Iaquinto Public Works Supt. City of Campbell	7/19/05 e-mail	Correction to Appendix M. Open space acreage is .3 acres. For them, "open space" does not include parks and schools, as does our definition.	Telephone call 7/29/05 to clarify. No changes needed. Will add our definition to sheet.
Greg Betts Open Space Division Manager Community Services City of Palo Alto	7/19/05 e-mail	Corrections to Appendix M. Total open space acreage = 3971 Total acreage/1000 = 67.77 # of sports fields = 21 # of fields /1000 = .36 # of tennis courts = 54 # of tennis courts/1000 = .92	Corrections made. E-mail sent 7/27/05 acknowledging receipt of corrections.
Marie Miller Administrative Asst. Cupertino Parks and Recreation	7/20/05 e-mail	Corrections to Appendix M. Number of sports fields is 28. "Amenities" is misspelled in header.	Corrections made. E-mail sent 7/27/05 acknowledging receipt of corrections.

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Larry Wolfe Director City of Santa Clara	7/29/05 telephone	Corrections to Appendix M. Acreage is for City owned/maintained only. Have agreements for use with school, but that acreage not included. Therefore, for consistency, amenities should be listed for city-owned only. # of Basketball courts is 23. # of tennis courts is 26. All 7 cricket pitches are on school fields. Pruneridge Golf Course is privately owned but open to public. Will not include in inventory.	Corrections made 7/29/05
James L. Meyerson Sunnyvale, CA	7/30/05 e-mail	Include consideration of a connector trail from the western terminus of Remington Avenue to the new Stevens Creek Trail location to be constructed by Mountain View south of El Camino Real heading towards Fremont Ave.	Added issue to issues database for future consideration. E-mail acknowledgement sent 8/3/05, noting action and noting that suggestion would be highlighted for Council consideration.
Patrick Grant Sunnyvale, Ca	8/3/05 e-mail	Incorporate concept of greenbelts and bikeways. Specifically references opportunities for conversion of greenways belonging to Water District; corridors of Hetch Hetchy aqueduct, East Canal (north from Ortega Park to bay), shared corridors, Calibazas creek in the east and Steven's creek in the west.	E-mail acknowledgement sent 8/12/05, noting that concept of trails and greenbelts will be elevated in final draft and that specific projects are part of database.
Wendy "Birdland Neighborhood" Sunnyvale	8/5/05 Phone call	Neighbor of Petersen School, wishing to make sure that City consider purchase of any lands declared surplus by the school district. Stressed importance of maintaining and growing open space inventory for City	Returned phone call.

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<p>Jane F. Mark, Park Planner County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department Los Gatos, CA</p>	<p>8/10/05 Telephone</p> <p>8/12/05 e-mail with letter</p>	<p>Key Initiative: Importance of Baylands and of working with County on the future of this cooperative venture. Include Key Initiative re: use of Great Meadow at Baylands in discussion of Key Initiative about continuing agreement with County, and include consideration of approved Master Plan in any discussion.</p> <p>Regional approach policies: consider highlighting and prioritizing the City's regional and citywide trails among the numerous open space and recreational services and facilities that the City has identified for implementation.</p> <p>Mission and Mission indicators: consider adding indicator re: number of miles of trails and indicator re: number of regional parks.</p>	<p>Answered questions by phone 8/10/05. Acknowledged e-mail and letter 8/12/05, noting that suggestions will be incorporated into final draft.</p>

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Robert Lawson Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission	Comments submitted at 8/10/05 Commission meeting	<p>Misc. suggestions re: wording, clarification and emphasis.</p> <p>Entrepreneurial approach should be described in detail</p> <p>Suggestion on organizing Key Initiatives in three areas: Recreational Program Initiatives; Operational Initiatives; and Open Space and Facilities Initiatives</p> <p>If the school districts were to sell their property when our agreements are up, it would represent a huge loss to the City. Should this be discussed?</p> <p>Does Sunnyvale even want to think about acquiring another golf course (Moffett) in view of other data in the sub-element about declining participation.</p> <p>Moffett airfield – Consider making a statement regarding it being within the City's "sphere of influence/interest". It may be a possible location for future open space and recreational needs of the City or other uses meeting needs other than aviation. Make Moffett part of other sub-elements as well. Sunnyvale should be very aggressive with the Federal government in this matter.</p>	<p>Letter sent 11/21/05 acknowledging comments.</p> <p>Much of that has fiscal connections and is thus to be handled in the Fiscal Management Sub-Element (under revision right now). I think most of the other elements should be captured as individual policies in the policy section.</p> <p>Reorganizing Key Initiatives as per comment.</p> <p>School site open space captured as part of database of issues. At this time, not a top priority for study, as compared to the other issues we have on hand.</p> <p>Even though participation has been declining at our existing golf courses, they are still extremely profitable.</p> <p>Moffett has been dealt with adequately from staff's perspective in the City's Legislative Action Policies. Council does not preclude future open space use, although that is not explicitly stated as one of the options.</p>

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<p>Sara L. Hensley Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services San Jose, CA</p> <p>Contact: Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager</p>	<p>Letter e- mailed 8/12/05</p>	<p>Corrections to Appendix M.</p>	<p>E-mailed acknowledgement 8/12/05.</p>
<p>Tezen Hsiao Birdland Resident</p>	<p>E-mail to Council 12/13/05</p>	<p>Requesting inclusion of Peterson Field for priority study – fields heavily used; if developed, open space is lost forever; traffic will be an issue if property is developed; acreage can be obtained by City at a discount; and comparisons drawn to development of Best Buy and Pet Smart on El Camino.</p>	
<p>Wendy Prickett Birdland Resident</p>	<p>Telephone and e-mail 12/14/05</p>	<p>Questions and concerns about the process and how to present concerns to Council and City.</p>	<p>E-mail response 12/14/05 detailing situation and process to comment on the Sub-Element and on Study Issues.</p>
<p>Denise DeLange Birdland Resident</p>	<p>e-mail to Council 12/15/05</p>	<p>Requesting Council not defer Study Issue to consider partnering with Santa Clara Unified School District on maintaining/operating all or part of Peterson Field.</p>	

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Brian Armer Birdland Resident	E-mail to Council 12/15/05	Encourage Council to purchase Peterson Middle School open space: opportunity to gain open space in built-out neighborhood. Request that if purchase is not possible, that Council ensure any development on the site is consistent with single family homes in the neighborhood.	
Tappan Merrick Birdland Resident	E-mail to Council 12/15/05	Citing material errors and omissions found in Sub-Element relating to calculations for open space acreage per 1000 that might affect Council's decision on whether to include Peterson field as a Key Initiative for study. Noted that he would be sending a letter detailing these concerns and others.	Data reviewed. One error noted in calculating open space acreage per 1000 in Washington Neighborhood Planning Area. Notice of corrected data sent to representatives of Birdland neighborhood listserv as well as to City Council.
Penny Cole Birdland Resident	E-mail to Council 12/19/05	In support of keeping Peterson field as open space and preventing sale for private development. Cites need for places that support exercise, community fellowship and recreation, and notes that once lost as open space, impossible to regain.	
Wendy Prickett	E-mail to Council 1/10/06	Requesting Council to amend Sub-Element so that it includes purchase of the Peterson Middle School 8 acres. Cites the following trends or issues identified in the Sub-Element as reasons: health issues, less physical activity, need for a sports complex, and growing population.	